

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

Meeting Date: July, 19 2006

Division: BOCC

Bulk Item: Yes X No    

Department: Mayor Charles McCoy, District 3

Staff Contact Person: Tammy Malby

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**AGENDA ITEM WORDING:** Approval of appointment (Steven Torrence) to the Human Services Advisory Board

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**ITEM BACKGROUND:** This set was previously had by Alessandra Corsi Leto , term which expired 11/01/05.

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**PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOCC ACTION:**

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**CONTRACT/AGREEMENT CHANGES:**

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**STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:**

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**TOTAL COST:** N/A

**BUDGETED:** Yes     No    

**COST TO COUNTY:**                                 

**SOURCE OF FUNDS:**                                 

**REVENUE PRODUCING:** Yes     No     **AMOUNT PER MONTH**     **Year**    

**APPROVED BY:** County Atty     OMB/Purchasing     Risk Management    

**DIVISION DIRECTOR APPROVAL:**                                 

  
(Charles "Bonny" McCoy)

**DOCUMENTATION:** Included X

Not Required    

**DISPOSITION:**                                 

**AGENDA ITEM #**

**Monroe County Boards and Committees  
Appointment Information**

Board or Committee: Human Services Advisory Board

Commissioner Appointing Member: Charles "Sonny" McCoy, District 3

Name of Member: Steven Torrence

Address: 43 1<sup>st</sup> street  
Key West, Fl.33040

Phone Numbers: Office: 305-809-1000  
Home:305-296-2875

Date of Appointment: July, 19.2006  
Reappointment No

Date Term Expires July, 25.2008

Name of Person Being Replaced: Alexsandra Corsi Leto , Term expires 11/01/05

Fulfilling Term of: N/A

Steven M. Torrence

Steve Torrence was born in Oak Harbor Washington July 1955 to a Navy family. He grew up in the Pacific Northwest for most of his time with a short year in Anchorage Alaska. He graduated from Ingraham High School in Seattle Washington where he then attended Seattle University Majoring in Religious Studies with a Specialty Certificate in Alcohol and Drug Counseling. Steve completed his Masters Degree in Religion with a minor in Social Work.

In 1984 he was Ordained in the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches and in 1985 was called to Pastor the Metropolitan Community Church in Key West Florida. A small group of 12 members who met in the Key West Women's Club grew into a strong vibrant Church of over 150 members, owning their own building with 3 paid staff members. The Key West Church became a leader in the community advocating for the disadvantaged, starting a daily food bank, and a holiday food basket program. The Churches strong outreach programs were honored many times by city and county government. Reverend Torrence took the lead in the AIDS crisis by being one of the only Clergy to visit AIDS patients in the Hospital. He became the Chaplain of Florida Keys Community Hospital, and was also a Chaplain for Hospice.

Reverend Torrence was instrumental in organizing a non-profit Community Based AIDS Organization (AIDS HELP) that to this day, continues to serve people in the entire County. Reverend Torrence has served on many community boards such as Hospice of the Florida Keys, AIDS Help, Help Line, South Florida AIDS Consortium, Healthy Start, and the Key West Business Guild. He also was appointed by Governor Lawton Child to serve on the Lower Florida Keys Hospital Board and was Board Chairman. As a strong advocate on health issues, Reverend Torrence was appointed by the County Commission to serve on the State's Health and Human Services Board and continues to serve on the State's Community Alliance Board.

Within his Denomination, Reverend Torrence was an official representative to the National Council of Churches Commission on Faith and Order, Served on his Denominational Credentialing Body, and is currently a part of their Judiciary. After 15 years as a Church Pastor, he became a full time Officer in the Key West Police Department. He is a fully sworn officer and is the Departments Chaplain, and has been Chaplain for over 15 years. After working in the patrol Division for 3 years, he now is the Departments Community Relations Officer. He still serves on community boards such as The MARC House and the Department of Juvenile Justice and is a member of Sunrise Rotary.

Reverend Torrence's passion is still in Ministry which he states, "Not much has really changed except for the uniform, I still find a need and fill it and find a hurt and try to heal it"

